# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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DELAYED PROJECTS
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Planning Commission has asked the Central Ministries and StateGovernments to follow certain criteria for deciding the fate of projects which have been considerably delayed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and their reaction in this regard?

## Answer

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(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In the context of the formulation of Tenth Five Year Plan, Planning Commission has issued guidelines to the Central Ministries and State Governmentsemphasising completion of on-going projects and upgradation of existing capital assets before starting new projects. The new projects are to be taken up only after a certain minimum number of partially completed/on-going projects are brought to completion. In particular, it has been suggested that Projects due for completion by the end of the Ninth Plan in which less than 10 per cent of the approved outlay has been spent are to be separately identified for weeding out/shelving/dropping or converging/transferring to the private/joint sectors, as the case may be. Projects initiated prior to the Ninth Plan andwhere less than 20 per cent of the approved outlay for the project has been spent, so far, are to be similarly treated. In case of projects due for completion by the end of the Ninth Plan and where more than 75 per cent of the work has been completed are to be identified for accelerated completion with revised estimates of time and costs. All other projects are to be evaluated afresh as per the guidelines applicable for any new proposal.

The Plan proposals of the Central Ministries and State Governments based on theseand other guidelines issued for the Tenth Five Year Plan are yet to be received in the Planning Commission. However, no specific comments with regard to these guidelines have been received from the Central Ministries and State Governments.